

HONORING THE CAREER OF
LARRY NIKSCH, A SPECIALIST
AT THE CONGRESSIONAL RE-
SEARCH SERVICE

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Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, today we honor the accomplishments of Larry Niksch, a Specialist in Asian Affairs at the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service. Mr. Niksch is re-

tiring after 46 years of Federal service, including 43 years at CRS. The United States Congress has benefitted immensely from his expertise, analysis, insights and timely responses, which have covered a wide array of issues concerning the world's most populous and fastest growing region, from India to Japan and nearly all nations in between.

Mr. Niksch has served during 23 Congresses, and has written extensively on issues ranging from the War in Vietnam, the democratic changes that transformed Asia in the 1980s, years of nuclear diplomacy with North Korea and countless other issues. He has helped inform Members of Congress and their

staff as they considered the challenges and opportunities facing the United States in the region. He also served as head of the Asia and Latin America section at CRS, helping shape the work of numerous analysts covering those disparate regions.

Mr. Niksch has been a frequent and active participant in policy discussions surrounding North Korea and East Asian security, and has received many awards recognizing his comprehensive work at CRS. I take this moment to thank Mr. Niksch for his countless contributions to the United States Congress, and to let him know that Congress wishes him well in his future endeavors.